



**DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
MINING SECTION**

**Public Participation Opportunities
Request for Public Comments on Draft Permit Actions**

January 16, 2015

**Public Notice: M2015-02
Last Day to Comment: February 20, 2015**

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the following draft environmental permits and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed activities on human health and the environment. The draft permits are available on the *Data Viewer* web page: <http://tn.gov/enrironmet/dataviewers.shtml>.

The Division has made the determination that the following NPDES permit applications are complete as required by *Rule 0400-40-03-.06(1)(c)*.

Individual NPDES Permits

Coal Proposed Issuances

Applicant Name	National Coal LLC – Deep Mine 9				
Permit Number	TN0072729	Permit Writer Initials	DPL	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Scott			EFO Name	Knoxville
Street Address	Green Branch of Smoky Creek				
City and Zip Code	Hembree 37756				
Description of Activity	Bituminous Coal – Underground Mine - Post Mining				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Unnamed tributary to Green Branch				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.21	Longitude		84.42
Applicant Name	Premium Coal Company Inc. – Mine 4				
Permit Number	TN0079308	Permit Writer Initials	DAT	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Anderson			EFO Name	Knoxville
Street Address	New River Highway (State Route 116)				
City and Zip Code	Stainville 37710				
Description of Activity	Bituminous Coal – Surface and Auger Mine				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Streams	Unnamed tributary to Indian Fork and wet weather conveyances to unnamed tributary to Indian Fork, Joe Branch, and Slick Rock Branch				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.17	Longitude		84.41

Applicant Name	Premium Coal Company Inc. – Mine 5A				
Permit Number	TN0069159	Permit Writer Initials	JIF	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Anderson			EFO Name	Knoxville
Street Address	New River Highway				
City and Zip Code	Stainville 37710				
Description of Activity	Bituminous Coal – Underground Mine				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Wet weather conveyance to unnamed tributary to Calvin Branch				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.11	Longitude	84.32	

Applicant Name	Premium Coal Company Inc. – Mine 17				
Permit Number	TN0052965	Permit Writer Initials	DAT	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Anderson			EFO Name	Knoxville
Street Address	State Route 116				
City and Zip Code	Devonia 37728				
Description of Activity	Bituminous Coal – Underground Mine				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Cage Creek				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.12	Longitude	84.22	

Non-Coal Proposed Reissuances

Applicant Name	Aggregates USA LLC – Unicoi Quarry				
Permit Number	TN0061069	Permit Writer Initials	JIF	Discharge Rating	Minor
Counties	Carter and Unicoi			EFO Name	Johnson City
Street Address	4175 Marbleton Road				
City and Zip Code	Unicoi 37692				
Description of Activity	Limestone quarry and processing facility				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Unnamed tributary to Buffalo Creek				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.25	Longitude	82.33	

Applicant Name	Tennessee Marble Company – Endsley Quarry				
Permit Number	TN0072125	Permit Writer Initials	DPL	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Blount			EFO Name	Knoxville
Street Address	428 Endsley Quarry Lane				
City and Zip Code	Friendsville 37737				
Description of Activity	Marble quarry and processing				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Unnamed tributary to Gallagher Creek				
Facility Location	Latitude	35.75	Longitude	84.13	

Applicant Name	Vulcan Construction Materials LP – Greeneville Quarry				
Permit Number	TN0060879	Permit Writer Initials	JIF	Discharge Rating	Minor
County	Greene			EFO Name	Knoxville
Street Address	1192 Lonesome Pine Trail				
City and Zip Code	Greeneville 37745				
Description of Activity	Limestone quarry and processing facility				
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water				
Receiving Stream	Possum Creek				
Facility Location	Latitude	36.11	Longitude	82.52	

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How to Comment:

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) is requesting public comment on these permit actions. Obtaining a broad range of facts and opinions on Agency actions is one of the best ways to ensure quality decisions. Persons wishing to comment on these proposed actions may submit comments in writing to the Mining Section at the above letterhead address, Attn: Public Notice Coordinator, by fax (865) 594-6105 or by e-mail Gary.Mullins@tn.gov. The Division must receive your comments before the close of the comment period (see page 1).

How to Request a Public Hearing:

Interested persons may request in writing that the Director of the Division of Water Resources hold a public hearing on any application. The Division must receive your request before the close of the comment period. You must indicate the interest of the party filing it and the reasons for the hearing. When there is significant public interest for a hearing, the Division will hold a hearing in accordance with *Rule 0400-40-05-.06 (12)*. A separate public notice will announce the public hearing.

How the Department Will Proceed:

The Director of the Division of Water Resources will determine the final permit action after considering comments submitted during the comment period, the hearing record, if any, and the requirements of Federal and State acts and regulations.

To Obtain Permit Details:

Draft permits contain Antidegradation Determinations and Rationales that address information concerning the foundation for the Division's decisions. Copies of the applications, draft permits, and supporting documentation are in the permit files maintained at the Mining Section's office located at the letterhead address. There is a nominal fee for copying. These files are available for public inspection during normal visiting hours. Please email Kara.Blevins@tn.gov or call (865) 594-5460 to schedule an appointment for the review.

State of Tennessee Antidegradation Policy

Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement is in *Rule 0400-40-03-.06* of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The primary purpose of the Antidegradation Policy is to establish a greater level of protection for high quality waters. Some high quality waters are in near-pristine condition. Others are determined to be high quality due to specialized uses and/or unique features.

Generally, there are two types of high quality waters. Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRWs) receive the greatest level of protection. The Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas designate these waters. New discharges or expansion of existing discharges cannot degrade existing water quality.

The Department identifies other high quality waters known as Exceptional Tennessee Water (ETW) and protects against their degradation. The Department may allow some degradation if the Department deems it economically and socially necessary.

Non-Exceptional Tennessee Water refers to surface waters that do not have the identification and/or designation as high quality. These waters must achieve and maintain Tennessee's Water Quality Standards.

State of Tennessee Policy of Non-Discrimination

Pursuant to the State of Tennessee's policy of non-discrimination, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, or military service in its policies, or in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs, services or activities. You may direct any Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action inquiries or complaints to the EEO/AA Coordinator, Office of General Counsel, William R. Snodgrass - TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Nashville, TN 37243-1102 or telephone 1-888-867-7455. Direct any Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) inquiries or complaints to the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources Division, William R. Snodgrass - TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2nd Floor, Nashville, TN 37243-1102 or telephone 1-888-867-7455. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298).